State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: May 25, 2017 D-83-17

In the Matter of WILLIAM L. BROWN, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 1908128)

Calendar Date: May 15, 2017

Before: Peters, P.J., McCarthy, Devine, Clark and Mulvey, JJ.

William L. Brown, Sierra Vista, Arizona, pro se.

Monica A. Duffy, Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, Albany, for Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department.

Per Curiam.

William L. Brown was admitted to practice by this Court in 1984 and lists a business address in Broome County with the Office of Court Administration. Brown now seeks leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (see Uniform Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [a]). The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department (hereinafter AGC) opposes the application by correspondence from its Chief Attorney.

As is noted by AGC, Brown is presently delinquent in his New York attorney registration requirements, having failed to register for the most recent biennial period beginning in 2016 (see Judiciary Law § 468-a; Rules of the Chief Admin of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1). Inasmuch as Brown is therefore subject to potential disciplinary action (see Judiciary Law § 468-a [5]; Rules of Professional Conduct [22 NYCRR 1200.0] rule 8.4 [d]; see

also Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a, 113 AD3d 1020, 1021 [2014]; Matter of Arms, 251 AD2d 743, 743-744 [1998]; Matter of Ryan, 238 AD2d 713, 713-714 [1997]; Matter of Farley, 205 AD2d 874, 874-875 [1994]), he is ineligible for nondisciplinary resignation and his application must be denied (see Matter of Cluff, 148 AD3d 1346, 1346 [2017]; Matter of Bomba, 146 AD3d 1226, 1226-1227 [2017]). Further, any future application by Brown must be supported by proof of his full satisfaction of the requirements of Judiciary Law § 468-a and Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts (22 NYCRR) § 118.1 (see Matter of Frank, 146 AD3d 1228, 1228-1229 [2017]).

Peters, P.J., McCarthy, Devine, Clark and Mulvey, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that William L. Brown's application for permission to resign is denied.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court